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John M. Moen
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Re: WYSK(AM), Fredricksburg, Virginia
Facility Identification Number: 65640
Free Lance-Star Publishing Co. of Fredricksburg, VA
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Moen:

This is in reference to the request filed September 8, 2009¹, on behalf of Free Lance-Star Publishing Co. of Fredricksburg, VA ("FLP"). FLP requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WYSK via the indirect method of power determination.² In support of the request, FLP states that it is in the process of adding new communications antennas to the station's tower.

Our review indicates that STA is unnecessary. Section 73.51(d) permits AM stations to operate via the indirect method of power determination on a temporary basis without specific authority from the Commission, provided that notations are made in the station log of the commencement and termination dates of indirect power determination. Because Station WYSK employs a nondirectional antenna, there is no issue of directional antenna operating parameter tolerances. Station WYSK should operate pursuant to Section 73.51(d) pending the filing of Form 302.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY DISMISSED.

Sincerely,



Charles N. Miller, Engineer
Audio Division
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¹ Processing of the request was delayed due to the use of an incorrect form. A request for operation with facilities at variance from the license, such as the instant request, is an "engineering" STA, as opposed to a "legal" STA. The "legal" category is reserved for operation with deleted facilities, main studio waiver requests, and other nontechnical matters.

² WYSK is licensed for operation on 1350 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 0.037 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna. (ND-2-U).